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PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the University Grants Commission to stop the mushrooming private universities in the country;

(b) the names of the private universities approved by the U.G.C. during the last three years;

(c) the number of cases pending with the U.G.C. for approval of private universities as on the date; and

(b) the time by when these are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Private Universities are established by Act of Parliament or an Act of State Legislature. These private universities are regulated by the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. Further, for the purpose of ascertaining the standards of teaching, examination and research of a University, the University Grants Commission (UGC) causes inspection of any department or departments. Finally, to assess the quality of University/Colleges, the UGC has established National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) under Section 12 (ccc) of the UGC Act 1956.

(b) to (d): According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), the list of Private Universities approved by the Commission under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956 during the last three years is annexed. There are five proposals of private universities pending approval with the Commission. However, there is no definite time-frame fixed for clearance of such proposals.